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1. CZECH MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION INTERESTED IN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES AND EXPRESSWAYS. MOREOVER, SEVERE PROBLEMS IN MEETING DEADLINES FOR COMPLETION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS, AS WELL AS APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND FACTORIES, CONTINUED IN 1974 AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LABOR-SAVING EQUIPMENT TO AID IN ELIMINATING THESE BOTTLENECKS.

2. CZECHS ARE LOOKING FOR BUILDING MATERIALS THAT ARE BOTH LIGHTER IN WEIGHT AND MORE ECONOMICAL THAN THOSE NOW IN USE, ALTHOUGH MINISTRY COULD NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF NEW MATERIALS DESIRED. EMBOFF SUGGESTED STEEL FRAME BUILDINGS AND MINISTRY OFFICIAL AGREED THEY WERE ON POSSIBILITY, BUT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT EVEN LIGHTER WEIGHT MATERIALS WERE NOW AVAILABLE.

3. A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM CZECHOSLOVAK CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES AND EQUIPMENT IMPORTERS WILL ATTEND CONEXPO IN CHICAGO IN EARLY FEBRUARY. AFTER DELEGATION RETURNS,
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FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY HAS PROMISED TO

ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR EMBOFFS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF DELEGATION TO DISCUSS FURTHER POSSIBLE IDEAS FOR SUBJECT TRADE MISSION. LIST OF OFFICIALS ATTENDING CONEXPO BEING POUCHED TO COMMERCE (BEWT/TDAD) ATTENTION MR. VAN DER BURGH.
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